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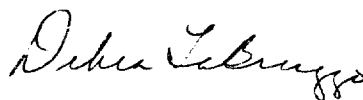
Dear FDA:

My family and I have recently learned that, at last, a petition has been filed to prohibit the slaughter of "downed" animals. We are longtime supporters of the humane treatment of farm animals and are particularly distressed about the plight of non-ambulatory beings.

The suffering endured by injured and ill animals, well-documented on videotape and eyewitness accounts, is almost unimaginable. It is difficult to believe that such harsh treatment has been accepted by US government agencies. We are also concerned with the probability of increased risk of bacterial infection from downed animals.

We strongly urge you to grant this petition, **Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1**.

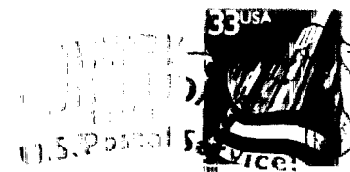
Sincerely yours,



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